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Casualty department in the Government General Hospital, Madras.

* 137 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how long the casualty department in the Government General Hospital, Madras, has been in existence;

(*b*) what are its important functions; and

(*c*) whether doctors are allowed to receive any special fees from the patients who are examined in that department?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Ever since the inception of the hospital.

" (*b*) Its main functions are to attend to accident and other emergent cases and to admit in the hospital for treatment cases which require immediate hospitalisation.

" (*c*) No, Sir."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, arising out of the answer given by the Hon. the Minister for Public Health that the Casualty department is intended only for accident and other emergent cases, may I know what arrangements have been made by the Government to give treatment to the patients who come from long distances, say about 60 to 70 miles, and are not able to obtain treatment within the prescribed time? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the main question relates only to the Casualty Department."

* 138 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, I request that this question may be taken up tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, it will be taken up tomorrow."

Transfer of Criminal Tribes Settlements to the Police Department.

* 139 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state when and why the Criminal Tribes Settlements were transferred to the Police Department from the Labour Department for purposes of reclamation and social advancement?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The administration of Criminal Tribes Settlements was transferred from the Commissioner of Labour to the Inspector-General of Police with effect from 3rd January 1944, on administrative grounds."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" செட்டில்மெண்ட் வாசிகள் அவர்கள் குற்றத் தொழில் செய்யும் பரம்பரையைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் என்ற காரணத்தால் அரசாங்கம் அவர்களைக் கைது செய்து கொண்டுவந்து அவர்களுக்கு பல தொழில்களைக் கற்றுக் கொடுத்து அவர்களை பல துறைகளிலும் முன்னேற்றம் அடையச் செய்து இப்பொழுது அவர்களும் பல தொழில்களில் முன்னேற்றம் அடைந்திருக்கிறார்கள். உத்தியோகம், விவசாயம், கைத் தொழில், சாகித்தியம் முதலிய பலவித தொழில்களிலும் அவர்கள்